

Year 5 Camp – Maranatha Camp 15-17 October 2025

21 July 2025

Dear Year 5 Parent/Carers

On Wednesday **15 October to Friday 17 October**, our Year 5 classes will be going to camp at **Maranatha Recreational and Educational Centre**. The camp is located at Yandina and the site is surrounded by rainforest, bordered by Wappa Creek. Students will travel to and from the site by bus and accommodated in dorms on site.

It is an expectation that every student attend camp as it is an integral part of our school curriculum. School based learning experiences will take place prior to and after camp. The camp program will focus on various skills including goal setting, leadership skills, teamwork, cooperation, acceptance and tolerance of others in new surroundings. Some of the activities your child will participate in include:

Activities	Description:
Tower of Tremble	Participants work as couples to stack crates simultaneously while standing on them. A team building experience that needs trust and communication to create a trembling tower of crates. The stacking partners must work together and climb the tower as they build it. Crates are passed up by the team members below as the tower grows. Climbers wear harnesses and helmet and are attached to a rope which goes through a pulley. Three belayers are responsible for each climber, first belayer pulls rope down, second belayer pulls rope up & third belayer flakes rope into bucket. All 3 belayers must hold rope at all times.
Night Activities including camp fire	Night Adventure activity is a mixture of different games / activities, Lantern Stalk style game on the oval, a guided night walk through the bush spotting critters with torches, astronomy / star & satellite spotting. The activity is designed to engage as many children as possible throughout the evening. Large outdoor fire circle located on grassed area opposite tennis courts. Large logs provide seating for participants at a safe distance from the designated fire area. The campfire area can seat 50 persons. Day time or night-time activity. This activity can be facilitated by a competent adult or can be facilitated by a Maranatha Bush skills instructor to include brewing billy tea and making and cooking damper in a camp oven and learning how to start a fire with a flint.
Drumming	A hand drumming program. The group will learn to play the rhythmically infectious Samba style Brazilian street music on djembe, darbuka, congas and on the super-huge bass drum. Drumming Workshops with Marco are high energy, fun and powerful. Marco and the rest of the drum masters engage the group in rhythm.) Drumming workshops improve coordination, movement and cooperation, focus and listening skills.
Mid Ropes	Participants are equipped with a helmet, harness, one lanyard and a safety hook. The participant is attached to a belay rope to ascend the ladder to the platform 8 metres above, where the instructor orients and threads the safety hook onto the continuous belay cable. The participant proceeds over the four different elements without detaching. Element 1 - log walk to a log bridge and the next platform. Element 2 - cable walk to the next platform Element 3 - cable walk with multi-vine to a platform at the Flying Fox platform. Element 4 - Flying Fox concludes and the participant disconnects and steps to the ground.
Rocket Ball	A game of aim using a metre high slingshot fixed in the ground. Rocket ball allows participants to test their skills by shooting tennis balls at a target. The Rocket Ball activity can also incorporate a Rounders-like team game with a fielding team and a shooting team. Rocket Ball is a Baseball/T-Ball style game using slingshots instead of bats. Teams try to score home runs. To shoot, players get a tennis ball and put it in the pouch of the sling.
River Rafting	Two or more teams compete to construct and race a raft. River Rafting may be conducted in the Maranatha pool or in the South Maroochy River (also known as Wappa Creek). Access to the creek is via the oval. Teams are provided with inflated inner tubes, pine planks and lengths of 6mm rope for lashing. All participants are equipped with PFDs (Personal Floatation Devices). Teams are allocated their raft building equipment and instructors demonstrate some lashing technique and provide theory on stabilizing. The objective of the activity is to race test the completed rafts. Each team's raft is judged on its speed through the water, its stability in the water and its durability. At the completion of the activity each team deconstructs their raft and stacks the building materials.
Swimming	Supervised swimming in the Maranatha pool.
Giant Swing	A participant in a full body harness – the swinger - is pulled 12 metres in the air by the rest of the group at least 10 participants – the donkeys. The Swinger is supported by a team of participants who provide a 'donkey' belay by walking back as far as they can to the end of the runway which lifts the participant high in the air. The Swinger will be connected via two attachment carabineers via a ladder and supported and safety checked by Instructor. The Swinger will also be connected to a quick release rope which they control. Once the participant reaches the height their desired height, they can release the rope, and they will have a giant swing out towards the Creek. The Swinger will swing back and forwards numerous times before coming to a stop. The instructor will bring out the ladder and support / help the Swinger back to the ground. Climbers wear Full Body harnesses and helmet and are attached by 2 screw-gate carabineers to a safety wire which connected and two surrounding trees and poles. All systems are backed up with a secondary system.
Archery	Participants use bows to shoot arrows at a fixed target. A single shooting line long enough to accommodate all archers comfortably is set up so that all participants shoot from the same line. Field Archery Australia Qualified Instructors offer Target Archery at Maranatha. Target Archery is the most commonly practiced form of outdoor archery worldwide with targets 80+ centimetres wide and divided into five colours with each colour divided into two to provide 10 scoring zones. Sophisticated strong and light, recurve bows using aluminium, fibreglass or carbon fibre arrows bring this ancient art into the 21 Century. Young archers learn to focus on the target with their dominant eye while using their non-dominant eye to give depth of field. Eye dominance also determines which hand the archer should hold the bow with and which hand the string should be drawn.

A number of the activities on Yr 5 camp are classified 'Medium/High Risk' under Education Queensland guidelines. To ensure the highest levels of safety for all students, students are strongly encouraged to ensure they tie their hair back at all times, have short fingernails, wear no jewellery and wear clothes that are light, breathable and are suitable for high levels of physical activity.

Cost per student: \$280

Permission and Medical Forms Due: Monday 1 September (Week 8)

Payment DUE: Wednesday 10 September (Week 9)

If you have **any concerns regarding payment**, please contact Ms Kristy Walton as soon as possible. Please find attached a permission note, camp requirements list and relevant medical forms. These must be completed for your child to attend camp. It is necessary that the medical forms be completed even if your child has no medical concerns and returned to school **no later than Monday 1 September 2025**.

**** New UPDATED Departmental Procedures for Students Requiring Medication*****

(Including over the counter medications such as paracetamol/herbal alternatives/creams):

- 1. 'Consent to administer medication' forms for all medication must be completed (PURPLE FORM)**
- 2. All medication (including over the counter medications such as paracetamol/herbal alternatives/creams) must have a *Medication order to administer 'as needed' medication at school* completed by a prescribing health practitioner. (Doctor, dentist, psychologist) (GREEN FORM). Students that have current in date asthma & or Anaphylaxis plans held on site at school are NOT required to obtain this.**
- 3. All medication required must be given to the class teacher on the morning of departure (in its original box).** It is a requirement to provide in-date medication labelled by a pharmacist, which includes the students name, dosage and prescribing practitioner.
- 4. Students requiring multiple medications to be administered must have a separate 'Consent to administer medication' PURPLE FORM completed for each medication.** NB The medication label and administration form dosages must correspond.

Dietary Requirements

Maranatha's kitchen team are highly experienced and able to cater for specialty dietary requirements. GF, DF and vegetarian alternatives are available if indicated on the Medical forms. Any other non-medical diet particulars will need to be provided by the parents/caregivers. Maranatha's kitchens have fully accredited Food Safety Plans in place. Please note that Maranatha Recreation Centres are "Nut Aware". Should you wish to know more, I invite you to read the catering information on the Maranatha website: www.maranatha-camp.com

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We are looking forward to a challenging and rewarding camp.

Regards



Kristy Walton
Deputy Principal

Brad Jen, Deb Lawrence, Tash Wolski,
Sarah Barker & Scott McKay .
Year 5 Teaching Team

What to Bring with you to Maranatha Camp

Bring your old shoes and clothes to camp as you will be outside in the bush a lot of the time!

WRITE YOUR CHILDS NAME ON YOUR BELONGINGS 😊

Item to Bring

Check ✓

Sleeping

- ★ Pillow and pillow slip ☐
- ★ Sleeping Bag or single bed sheets and blanket ☐

Clothing – (write your name on your clothes)

- ★ Bring a set of clothes for each day and a spare set plus pyjamas, underwear, socks ☐
- ★ Bring a jumper / coat ☐
- ★ Bring your swimming costume & swimming towel ☐
- ★ Bring your school broad brimmed hat ☐
- ★ Long length shirts/t-shirts with short or long sleeves (suitable for wearing under an abseiling harness) make sure that the hem of your shirts are below the waist when you raise your arms in the air with no bare skin showing ☐
- ★ Long shorts – (suitable for wearing under an abseiling harness) make sure your shorts hem is mid-thigh or at the knee ☐
- ★ Raincoat – we continue activities in the rain! ☐
- ★ Shoes – two pairs of closed-in shoes. One old pair that can get wet for water activities (eg reef shoes) ☐
- ★ Leave your jewellery at home – chains and loose dangly earrings are not suitable for ropes activities ☐

Toiletries

- ★ Towel/s & face cloth ☐
- ★ Biodegradable soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, hair brush, roll on deodorant (please don't bring aerosol deodorants or hair products as a lot of aerosol particles trigger the smoke alarms) ☐
- ★ Insect repellent (roll-on or cream type, not aerosol) Maranatha is surrounded by bushland and there are mosquitoes and sand-flies, particularly after it rains in the warmer months ☐
- ★ Sunscreen (we want everyone to be sun safe) ☐
- ★ Hand sanitiser ☐
- ★ Thongs for shower (optional) ☐

Other Important Things

- ★ Bring a torch (head torch preferable) ☐
- ★ Bring a named water bottle ☐
- ★ 2 garbage bags ☐

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Please **DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS**, or products containing nuts, to camp. This includes all kinds of nuts, e.g., peanuts, cashews, walnuts, brazil nuts, etc. Maranatha has a strict nut-free-camp policy that must be adhered to. Please do not pack any nuts or nut products, including muesli bars, to eat on the way to camp as they may be forgotten and accidentally brought on to camp premises.

DO NOT BRING ANY lollies or chocolate.

Students are advised not to bring personal electronic equipment including mobile phones, Smart Watches, ipad etc

Timeline of Events

- ✪ **21 July** – camp permission note, medical forms, requirements list sent home.
- ✪ **1 September** - permission and medical forms DUE.
- ✪ **10 September** – Final camp payments to be made.
- ✪ **Wednesday 15 October** – Students leave for camp at 8.30am. Students are to meet at the front of the administration block at 8.00am.
- ✪ **Friday 17 October** – Students arrive back at school for collection at 2.30pm. They will be supervised until 2.45pm.

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Payment Options:

1. **BPOINT** – Online method. Bpoint CRN and invoice number are located on the bottom of invoice. Can also be accessed from QParents app.
2. **EFTPOS** – Payments can be made at the school office
3. **QKR - Payments** can be made through the App.
4. **CENTREPAY** – Use Centrepay to arrange regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. Centrepay is a voluntary payment option available to Centrelink customers. *Go to humanservices.gov.au/Centrepay for more information.*

Year 5 Camp Permission Form

Activity risks and insurance

The Department of Education does not have personal accident insurance cover for children/students. If a child/student is injured as a result of an accident or incident while participating in the activity, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If the parent/carer has private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by the parent/carer. It is up to the parent/carer to decide the type/s and level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow the child/student to participate in this activity.

Consent

By signing this form, I agree to all the following statements:

- I have read all of the information contained in this form in relation to the camp (including any attached material)
- I am aware that the department does not have personal accident insurance cover for children/students.
- I give consent for the named child/student, _____ <insert child's/student's name> to participate in the identified camp.
- I will pay to the school the costs detailed in this consent form for the child/student's participation in the camp.
- I agree to and understand the refund policy as it applies to this camp (see Excursion/Camp costs)
- In the event of an accident or illness, school staff may obtain or administer any medical assistance or treatment the child/student may reasonably require, including contacting their doctor.
- I accept liability for all reasonable costs incurred by the department in obtaining such medical assistance or treatment (including any transportation costs) and undertake to reimburse the department the full amount of those costs.
- I have provided the school with all relevant details of the child/student's medical or physical needs on registration/enrolment and where relevant have updated this information.
- I give consent for child/student contact information to be shared in relation to this excursion in compliance with relevant [Queensland Chief Health Officer's Directions](#).

YES /NO (Please circle) I would appreciate a call from the DP or the Business Manager to discuss payment support options for camp.

STUDENTS NAME:		CLASS:	
Parent/Carer	Name:		
	Phone number:		
	Email address:		
	Signature:		Date:
Emergency contact information for the duration of this excursion	Name:		
	Phone number/s:		

Additional medical information

The school collected medical information about your child at registration/enrolment. This information is stored electronically in OneSchool. Please give full details of any new or updated medical information which may affect your child's full participation in the excursion described in the form.

You may also wish to update/provide the following optional information:

Name of child/student's medical practitioner: _____ Telephone No.: _____
 Medicare No.: _____
 Private Health Insurance Company (if applicable): _____ Membership No.: _____

Student Medical Information

Student's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Does your son/daughter require a special diet for any of the following?

	Please Circle		
Severe Food Allergy	YES	NO	If YES; Complete an Allergy Management form.
Food Intolerance	YES	NO	Please complete a Medical Management Form if severe.
Religious / Cultural	YES	NO	
Vegetarian	YES	NO	

Able to Eat: _____

Unable to Eat: _____

Does your son/daughter suffer from any of the following?

	Please Circle		
Asthma	YES	NO	If YES, please complete an Asthma Management Form
Allergies	YES	NO	If YES, please complete an Allergy Management Form
Diabetes	YES	NO	If YES, please complete a Medical Management Form
Epilepsy	YES	NO	If YES, please complete a Medical Management Form
Heart/Circulations Problems	YES	NO	If YES, please complete a Medical Management Form

Give full details of any other issues to be considered for your child whilst at camp (e.g. recent operations; muscle, joint or bone injuries; bed wetting; phobias; anxiety; conditions; disorders; disabilities etc.)

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Please list any pharmacy or prescribed medications to be taken by your son/daughter.

Drug Name	Dosage	Frequency	Condition or Doctors Instructions

Please collect a medication administration form from the Talara Primary College Admin building & complete and return to your child's teacher prior to departure. All medication MUST have a pharmacy label on the medication with your child's name and the administration details.

Swimming Ability (Please circle):	Non Swimmer	25m	50m	100m
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